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### **Attorney General Darrell McGraw Awards Funding to the Partnership of African American Churches from the Purdue Pharma Settlement Funds**

Charleston - Attorney General Darrell McGraw announced the distribution of seventy-five thousand dollars to the Partnership of African American Churches (PAAC) and the West Virginia Council of Churches for a community-based substance abuse prevention and diversion education program. This money comes from the third installment in the ten-million dollar settlement with Purdue Pharma, the manufacturer of the drug Oxycontin.

The Partnership of African American Churches' prevention education program, "Creating Lasting Family Connection: a substance abuse and violence prevention program," was designated a model program by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Science Administration. It is designed to serve high risk children between the ages of five and seventeen. This program offers early substance abuse intervention, diversion and follows up with referral services which connect participants to community resources.

"The PAAC will implement this community-based prevention program in Kanawha, Cabell, Raleigh, McDowell, Mercer and Logan counties. Facilitators, parents, youth and volunteers will be recruited from communities in each of these counties," state Attorney General McGraw.

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